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Subject: CRRSA use of funds

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation, operating under 477 Plan, will provide services in accordance with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's approved 477 plan and policies as applicable. The CPN planned use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

- *Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to; childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and other workers deemed essential or frontline, without regard for income eligibility requirements of section 658P(4) of the CCDBG Act, during the response to coronavirus. CPN will support these groups as required for the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency.

In addition, CPN will continue to pay for childcare in non-CPN facilities in order to hold positions for qualifying children who may not be able to attend according to center requirements because of closures, quarantine, or COVID-19 diagnosis. This action will also serve to delink provider reimbursement rates from absences among eligible children.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- *Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for at least the following, but not limited to; resources and supplies to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Resources will be provided to center-based and non-center-based providers as necessary. These resources may include PPE, sanitation supplies for providers, as well as technical assistance for non-center-based providers.

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- *Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation 477 program will use CRRSA funds to pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Funds may be used for increased staff needs or to cover existing salary and wage costs in the absence of typical operating revenues to stabilize the number of licensed childcare providers, in addition to cleaning and sanitation costs and other activities associated with reopening.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- *As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation 477 program will follow the approved plan, policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers. This may include outreach to new center and family care providers within the CPN Childcare service area to establish new participation in the subsidy program as well as to cover childcare costs for those children who have a parent/guardian that works in one of the priority sectors detailed in CRRSA and in the direct child care services section above.

Other

- *Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA childcare funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements.

If the Citizen Potawatomi Nation 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021.

Please direct questions regarding this letter to Jeremy Arnette, CPN Office of Self-Governance, at jarnette@potawatomi.org.

Sincerely,

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